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Sleddog Classic a "amazing" experience

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury review

Mushers, dogs and spectators filled the Wannamakers' property this past weekend, for the Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic.

At the last minute the race location was changed from the Rosebud Valley to the Wannamakers' property, when the trail for the race started to melt away.

The trail, which normally takes at least three weeks to make, according to Dena Wannamaker, organizing committee, was done in two days.

"My husband (Rick) did not sleep for two days," said Wannamaker.

The Wannamakers have a practice trail on their property, but it needed to be re-routed, and other work had to be done to it, to make it race ready.

Despite the last minute location change, and the fact spectators had to catch a shuttle bus from downtown Didsbury to the race site, over 1,100 people went to watch.

"It was an amazing weekend, it far exceeded all our expectations in every way," said Wannamaker. "The dog mushers were even blown away because there are not usually so many spectators. They were wowed that there were so many people cheering at the finish line."

Mushers came from far and wide for the Classic, including one team from Pennsylvania.

"Everyone was really great sports considering how many times the race was postponed," said Wannamaker.

A unique part of the race was the junior mushers, who did the four km trail.

"There was one little guy who was six years old, and he went like a bullet," said Wannamaker. "He lost his team, so a 12 year old picked him up."

He did get his team back, and then completed the race.

In total 66 teams participated in the race.

"It was very, very successful," said Bill Windsor, organizing committee. "The problem was it was so cold on Saturday, people came but did not stick around. Sunday was a much better day as far as spectators were concerned."

Windsor was also nervous about the bus shuttle, but was very impressed with the turnout.

"I can only imagine if the race site was more accessible," said Windsor.

The highlight of the weekend for Windsor was when the first dog sled team left the start line.

"When I saw that, it really meant we made it, after all the build up and anticipation" said Windsor. "After that everything moved along."

Windsor also really enjoyed watching the juniors, and after that another highlight for him was the mushers

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in every way!"*

DENA WANNAMAKER
Organizing committee



Carla Victor/For the Review

STRAIGHT ON! - Didsbury musher Dena Wannamaker squints into the wind as her team breaks away from the starting line in the six dog open, the premier race at the first annual Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic. For more photos on Didsbury's event of the year turn to pages 10 and 11.

themselves.

"The appreciation and cooperation they showed, and the way they helped each other, it was very impressive," said Windsor. "They are a fantastic group of individuals."

Another fantastic group of individuals Windsor spoke of, were all the volunteers that made the weekend possible.

"There were lots of ups and downs and they dealt with it all," said Windsor. "They made this thing happen."

An example of the community support was when Gayle Veno, town councillor, called Windsor up and asked what she could do to help. Veno ended up spending all day Sat. and Sun. providing security for the Wannamakers' house.

"We want to improve on the race next year, but I don't think we will ever match the enthusiasm," said Windsor. "There is always room for improvement, but it will be hard to match the commitment we saw from people this year."

Results can be viewed at www.didsburychamber.ca.

Three teens stabbed near Carstairs

One in critical condition

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

Three teens were stabbed at a rural property 10 kms south of Carstairs, early Sunday morning; one remains in critical condition.

The three teens, all males, were taken to hospital, two with multiple stab wounds. Two of the victims have since been released.

"This is not gang related, or race related," said Sgt. O'Dwyer, Didsbury RCMP.

RCMP are not releasing names or ages of the victims at

this time.


One victim is from Calgary and two, including the one in critical condition, are from Carstairs.

"We will be releasing more information later this week," said Sgt. O'Dwyer. "This is a very serious case."

Sgt. O'Dwyer would not say whether they had any suspects, but he did say a large group of teens are involved.

"Youth need to be wary of the situations they put themselves in," said Sgt. O'Dwyer. "If they don't feel good about the situation or are uncomfortable they should leave."

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Pot laws don't need changes, say MPs Thompson and Mills

BY DAN SINGLETON
For the Review



MYRON THOMPSON
MP
Wildrose

Central Alberta Conservative MPs Myron Thompson and Bob Mills both say they support their government's decision not to decriminalize the possession of marijuana.

Last week, Conservative Justice Minister Vic Toews reportedly said the new Harper government has no plans to change Canada's marijuana possession laws.

"It is a very short answer and the answer is no," said Toews. "We have no plans to bring any bill forward." Thompson said decriminalizing marijuana possession would not be an effective way to fight crime.

"I support that decision 100 per cent," said Thompson. "I don't think that we need to open up the Pandora's Box by starting to do things that are against the will of our authorities, the police officers across the country who are opposed to that idea."

"I think when you start those kinds of measures, it's a slippery slope. What's next and how far does this go before it stops? I say stop it before it starts."

For his part, Mills said he is "not convinced that marijuana is not a lead-in drug to others."

"I support our party's position and I think we can defend it"

BOB MILLS
Member of Parliament

"The fact that crystal meth is often put in with marijuana to get people hooked," said Mills. "I think we are sending the wrong message if we decriminalize it. I think as well that roadside testing is not possible, and I don't want somebody coming down Highway 2 at me under the influence. I support our party's position and I think we can defend it."

The Liberal government had put forward a bill that would have made possession of a small amount of marijuana a non-criminal ticket offence. The bill died when the 2005-2006 federal election was called.

RCMP detachments in central Alberta have been instructed not to comment on the matter of federal marijuana possession laws. However, national RCMP spokesperson Const. Pat Flood said the Mounties have no specific view on the issue.

"The question of whether or not to decriminalize marijuana possession is a matter for Parliament to decide, and we will enforce the laws that we have to enforce," said Flood.

For his part, MP Thompson said he will be working with the Justice Minister to toughen up other Canadian drug laws, particularly when it comes to methamphetamine and its production.

"There's got to be some things that have to happen," said Thompson. "The industry of drug distribution is going on hot and heavy with the gang organizations throughout the country. Crystal meth is getting to be a serious problem, hurting and harming our kids, and I'm against anything that is going to do that."

"We are looking at the seriousness of the drug offences in terms of distribution and profiting from these kinds of activities. That is what we really need to go after, stop making it so profitable. The slap on the wrist that everyone gets who is charged with these grow ops and these labs is ridiculous and it doesn't signal much of a deterrent."

MP Mills says he supports "toughening up some of our laws (regarding drugs). Let's go after the sellers and pushers."

In other news, Thompson says he does not support calls for an immediate Parliamentary debate on the nation's military commitment to Afghanistan.

"The Taliban is the enemy of the western society. It has been well known as the next Fascist movement in the world and it has to be stopped before they get going again. Afghanistan is of course the place that is targeted to do that. It's our enemy that we are fighting over there."

"Of course we don't like war, nobody likes war, but don't forget what the mission of this Taliban has always been, and it's not anything in favour of protecting our independence and our freedoms that we enjoy on this side of the world."

Meanwhile, Thompson says he is working on addressing the issue of drugs in prisons.

"It's amazing the things I am finding out. To think for a moment that gangs can operate successfully out of our prisons is getting to be a pretty serious thing. I've got a lot more work to do in that area."

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Carstairs, Didsbury still looking at sharing services

BY SHAWNE MOHL
For the Review

According to the Town of Carstairs and Didsbury's top administrators the sooner they can start to share services, the more beneficial it will be to taxpayers of the two communities.

Carstairs' Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Carl McDonnell and Didsbury's CAO Roy Brown have confirmed the two towns are still looking into what types of services they could share.

Some things they have discussed sharing between not only the two municipalities, but also with Mountain View County are different pieces of equipment and machinery, as well as the possibility of some shared services.

"We definitely want it to move ahead, we think it's very, very positive and the taxpayer will get a lot better value for their tax dollar," Brown said. "We have had meetings not only with Carstairs, but also the County about doing that... so for example we were talking about a flusher truck. Why should all of us buy a flusher truck when we really only need one for all of us?"

An initiative which the Towns and the County are looking at is combining their Family and Community Support Services (FCSS).

"We are still looking at areas that we can share. One of the areas we are looking at sharing regional wise is FCSS. It would be between the Towns of Carstairs, Didsbury, and the Village of Cremona," McDonnell said.

Brown added that talks have been initiated with the County, as well, to see if it's possible for them to come on board with this project.

Didsbury and Carstairs are planning to meet in the near future to see what other types of services they could consider sharing.

"We are moving ahead, we are looking at all options," Brown said. "It's cheaper (to share services and equipment) and I think the bottom line is that the taxpayers will get more value for their dollar."



Shawne Mohl/For the Review

Andrew Nikiforuk, a Calgary-based journalist and a rural Alberta landowner spoke to a full house last week in Trochu. Nikiforuk is trying to get better regulations in place for CBM production. Listening to Nikiforuk speak were other guest speakers (L-R) Jessian Ernst, Tweeti Blancett, and Gwen Lachelt.

Speakers warn about impacts of CBM operations

Part one of a two-part series

BY SHAWNE MOHL
For the Review

A group of speakers painted a scary picture as they told of being able to light your tap water on fire, cattle being killed because of contaminants in the water and water wells going dry.

Three Central Alberta residents, along with three Americans spoke about their concerns in regards to the production of coal bed methane during a meeting held at the Trochu Community Hall last week.

The topic of coal bed methane pertains to the majority of rural Albertans especially those living throughout Central Alberta where a lot of the production of CBM is currently happening.

Coal bed methane, typically referred to as CBM, is natural gas - typically methane - found within coal seams under the ground. CBM used to be referred to as the "trash gas." It is the gas which used to kill the canaries in underground coal mines.

Andrew Nikiforuk, a Calgary-based journalist, who also owns lands near Pincher Creek (Porcupine Hills) was the master of ceremonies at last week's full house, and he held a very strong opinion against CBM wells.

Nikiforuk told the crowd of mostly rural landowners that Albertans need to become aware of the damages that CBM production can do to land, water, and one's health.

He explained that in the United States there have been hundreds of thousands of CBM wells dug and put into production with some having up to 64 wells per section. The areas in the United States, he says, are considered "sacrifice zones."

"I am not prepared or willing to let the Porcupine Hills area become a sacrifice zone," he said.

Nikiforuk went on to explain that he, and the other speakers, believe that CBM is damaging and ruining rural residents' water supplies.

He explained that in the Beisker and Rosebud areas there have been over 50 people who have had their wells impacted

due to CBM production.

Nikiforuk said that four years ago the Americans were brought up to discuss the problems they have had with CBM and since then no improvements have been made in Alberta.

"Here we are four years later after the Americans said it's not worth it (drilling CBM wells) and we are doing it now, and it's expected that there will be more and more wells drilled in the years to come," Nikiforuk said.

Gwen Lachelt

Gwen Lachelt, an American, is the Director of the Oil and Gas Accountability Group based out of Colorado in the US.

Lachelt says that the US government needs to seriously take a look at re-writing many of the laws which govern the oil and gas industry.

"Most of our regulations are very outdated and need a lot of work," she said.

CBM wells are becoming one of the most popular types of production in the

US, and the noise from these operations is so out of control that farmers are going out in the middle of the night and shooting at the compressors so that they can sleep, and it's forcing others to move off their land and abandon their properties.

"Noise is now the number one complaint we are hearing from the large compressor heads to the heavy traffic and dust," she said.

One of the major concerns that Lachelt and her organization have is fracturing.

Hydraulic fracturing is the injection of fluids at very high pressures into the sub-surface, to fracture the geological formations. The reason for this is to loosen up the ground to allow the trapped gas to flow more easily to the production wells and bring it to the surface.

According to Lachelt the fluids which are injected into the ground, at least in the US, are very toxic and in her opinion, could pose some very serious health risks to families who live nearby.

One of the most commonly used fluids is diesel fuel.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

An amazing day



I was one of the lucky few who got to participate in Challenge Day at the Didsbury High School last Tuesday.

I went in not really knowing what to expect, and I never expected what was to come.

Challenge Day was an amazing experience, for myself, the students, and I am sure all other teachers, parents, and adult facilitators involved.

This day really opened my eyes to the way people change from experiences in their life, from the way they were when they are a child.

As a child, many people are carefree, happy, proud of who they are, and not afraid of showing that to others.

As a child, if you are sad you cry, if you are happy you cheer out loud, if you are mad you scream.

As you grow up these things change. If you are sad, you may cry, to yourself, or to your family, your close friends, but you may also keep it inside and hope it goes away.

If you are happy, maybe you want to cheer out loud, but don't because you are afraid what others might think.

Challenge Day teaches you it is ALWAYS OK to share your emotions with other people, in fact, this is the best way to ever have a real connection with someone.

There are so many people that are going through bad stuff, and it is always nice to know you are not the only one.

There is so much more I could say about this day, and what I learned, but there is just not the space.

I encourage all of you to read the story on page 8 though, about this day, and you will hear from students the difference this has made in their lives.

Note: If you read my editorial last week, the Crystal Meth story will now be running in next week's paper.

HAPPY ST. PAT'S DAY!

TH' WIND WHIPPED
AN' BLEW TH' CLOTHES,
THEY TOSSED AROUND
FOR FAIR
— BUT TH' THING
I LIKED TO WATCH
TH' MOST
WUZ DAD'S GREEN
UNDERWEAR!

Poem by Jim Edwards



Thoughtfulness of Town employees

Recently a water leak was discovered between our property line and the main line in front of our home. In order to remedy the situation it was necessary to cut off our water supply for about 2 days. Inconvenient, yes!!! But it was made bearable by the considerate and thoughtful actions and attitudes of our town employees.

We especially appreciated Ralph McDonald, who kept us informed as to what was happening and offered to help any way he could. That included giving us a way to reach him after hours should the need arise. Special mention should also be made of a young man named Darcy. I understand he is the one who did the actual repair work. He spent, what appeared to me to be long, wet and cold hours in a muddy eight foot hole. You're our hero, Darcy! And then there was Chris. She was a constant presence, right till the bitter end. Nothing "wussy" about that girl!! I know there were others on-site at times. A big "THANK YOU" to all of you. You did an unpleasant job splendidly!

This is just another experience that makes us glad we chose to retire in Didsbury!

Thanks, again

Bill and Astrid Nicoll

YOUR LETTERS

Concerning "Don't worry, be healthy"

'New Speak' (often mistakenly called 'double speak') is a fictional language in George Orwell's novel Nineteen Eighty-Four. Orwell included an essay about it in the form of an Appendix after the end of the novel, in which the basic principles of the language are explained.

The basic idea behind Newspeak was to remove all shades of meaning from language, leaving simple dichotomies (pleasure and pain, happiness and sadness, good thoughts and thought crimes). The ultimate aim of Newspeak was to reduce even the dichotomies to a single word that was a "yes" of some sort: an obedient word with which everyone answered affirmatively to what was asked of them. In addition, words with opposite meanings were removed as redundant. For example, good versus bad becomes good and 'ungood'.

Dan Singleton's article on Premier Klein's 'Third Way' health-care proposals provides a superb example of newspeak in the form of a quote by MLA Luke Ouellette, Minister of Restructuring, commenting upon the question posed, "if Albertans who can't afford to pay for services will receive second-rate care." Mr. Ouellette's response is newspeak in action.

According to the article, Mr. Ouellette, the Minister of Restructuring, responded by restructuring his response from a probable 'you betcha!' to "Absolutely not. If people have more money will they get better care." (sic)

[Deciphering the transposed words, I take it the quote was meant to read "Absolutely not. If people have more money they will get better care."]

So we have - 'Absolutely yes. If people have less money they will get less care'; or alternatively, 'Absolutely not. If people have more money they will get more care'; or, alterna-

tively, why not keep it simple and just respond 'Yes' in the newspeak form of "Absolutely Not!"

Given the newspeaking of oldspeak (aka - English) by removing the opposites themselves, how are readers to interpret newspeak Accounting that concludes that funding universal healthcare is "unsustainable" under economic conditions whereby Alberta has a budget deficit and is in debt? With newaccounting, credits become undebits so rather than double entry bookkeeping we have single entry bookkeeping.

Without the opposites there is no (Trial) Balancing anything. It is ironic on the surface of things, but in depth our entire system of valid economic reporting relies upon the opposites retaining their integrity. In other words, call a spade a spade, a debit a debit and a credit a credit. If we don't do so, we have Newspeak unnumbers - not a Budget that is actually useful and informative. Using Newspeak Accounting, government economists are attempting to convince us that social programs cost more than - unsocial programs.

Does anyone out there know what a unsocial program is? Whatever social programs are, they are ungood and programs that are unsocial are plusgood. I'm not exactly sure where the program we call 'government' falls. It's either doubleungood or doubleplusgood being either social or unsocial.

It seems to me, through the proposed 'process of consultation' outlined in the rest of the article, readers are invited to unvote. With any luck we will soon be ungoverned.

Or is that unluck?

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Didsbury March 7

No municipal census

The letters that were submitted for the Member At Large position with the Municipal Planning Commission were presented to Council. Council directed Administration to bring the MPC Bylaw to the March 21, 2006 Regular Council Meeting for amendments. Council would like inclusion of one additional Member at Large and one less Council member on the MPC.

Mr. Dale Kiesman, Manager of Public Works presented a report to Council on the Green Municipal Fund Grant, in which an "Intent to Apply" was submitted for Energy Services Combined Heat and Power, Energy Services Solar Power Generation/Distribution; Water Services Distribution and Conservation; Water Services Waste Water Management and Treatment; Water Services Stormwater Management and Treated and Sustainable Community Development.

Council approved the road closures and detours for the Lions Soap Box Derby on June 17, 2006. All closures and detours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Council approved the use of the Rosebud Campground area by Mountain View Seniors' Housing on April 11, 2006 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm for a Search and Rescue Exercise. This exercise is to train staff and practice in the event of a facility walk-away of an Alzheimer/Dementia resident from Aspen Ridge Lodge.

Council approved that the Town of Didsbury participate in Communities in Bloom. Information will be provided at the Trade Show Booth.

Council decided what they would like to have at the Town booth at the Trade Show.

Council approved the submission of an "Intent to Participate" in the Energy Aggregation Program with Alberta Municipal Services Corporation. AMSC secures power from the best and provides for members of AUMA who have indicated they wish to participate.

Council approved The donation of \$177.45 toward a roll out carpet for the Didsbury Minor Hockey Association Bantam B Tournament in March. Council also will be donating 130 Town of Didsbury for the participants.

Council agreed to donate the use of the Multi-Purpose Room for Child and Youth Clubs of Didsbury for two separate events.

At the February 7, 2006 Council Meeting, Council approved holding a Municipal Census in the spring of 2006. Since this meeting, a staff member attended a seminar workshop on conducting a census. Information was brought to Administration's attention that the Federal Census will take priority over the municipal census because it will be done last and the provincial government uses the last conducted census figures for funding. With this information, Council rescinded its previous motion granting permission to conduct a municipal census in 2006.

Council granted the request to the King Hiram Lodge #21 for a donation of 100 Town of Didsbury Pins to be given to attendees at their 100th Anniversary Dinner/Dance Celebration on March 18th.

Administration was given the approval by Council to begin the design phase of the Town Office renovations with the goal of having the renovations completed by May 1, 2006.

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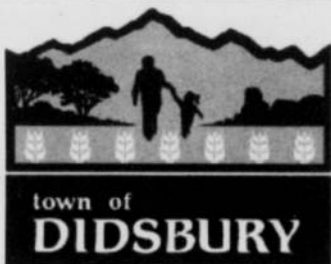
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TOWN COUNCIL:

Tuesday, March 21, 2006 - Council Chambers, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 4 & 18, 2006 - Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, March 15, 2006 - Council Chambers, 4:30 pm
Wednesday, April 5 & 26, 2006 - Council Chambers, 4:30 pm

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

- HO 02-06 19 Valarosa Drive Home Occupation - R1
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Robert Wigg, Development Officer

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CBM operations

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She says that the fluids are injected down into the wells to loosen up the ground, and the fluids then absorb into the ground, which then flows into the water sources that families drink and bath in each and every day.

"We need green (fracturing) we need to upgrade our water, land, and ground impacts," she said.

Lachelt urges landowners who are dealing with oil and gas companies and their land agents, to read over the agreements very carefully. Having clauses in to have well water tested at least once a year isn't a bad idea, she says.

Lachelt says she has heard of oil and gas companies threatening land owners, telling them that they will just go away if the person doesn't agree to sign.

"It's a hollow threat because you're living on top of the oil and gas. They aren't going to go away," she said.

Lachelt pointed out that the oil and gas business in Alberta is not going to slow down anytime soon. Not only because prices are at an all time high, but because Alberta needs to drill an additional 24,000 wells, per year to keep up with the demand of natural gas to the US. According to Lachelt, a lot of this natural gas will come from CBM wells.

"We need to get better controls in place, we don't want to lose our land one well at a time."

Tweeti Blancett

A sixth generation farmer from New Mexico, told of the horrible impacts that she has seen occur on her 32,000 acre ranch that she and her husband run.

Since the first well was drilled in 1952 on her ranch, Tweeti Blancett says that over \$1 billion worth of profit from the natural resources has been made from their land alone.

Blancett says that not only has their underground water source been ruined by being contaminated, but the cattle which roam on their lands have become affected and they feel they have had some of the animals die as a result of the oil and gas operations on her property.

With the production of CBM salt water is extracted during the process of recovering the natural gas. This salt water, called saline, will sterilize the ground if it isn't handled properly.

Blancett said that during the drilling of the numerous wells on her property, a lot of which is government-

owned land that they lease, the oil and gas companies have sterilized a lot of the lands which poses a problem for her family business because grass no longer grows.

The saline water, according to her, is either poured on the land somewhere, which sterilizes everything it touches or else is put into evaporation ponds.

The evaporation ponds wouldn't be so bad if they were lined properly and fenced. However, the ponds generally aren't fenced and her cattle have got into the ponds, drank the saline water, and ended up dying.

In Alberta this saline water is generally injected back into the ground through injector wells so that it doesn't sterilize anything like what happened on Blancett's property.

Blancett said one of the biggest problems in New Mexico is the lack of enforcement by the government. She says the rules and laws are there, but there isn't enough manpower.

In the State of New Mexico she explained that there are upwards of 35,000 wells and there are just two inspectors. She says it's not the inspectors' fault, it's the government's lack of interest to enforce laws and hire more inspectors and force these oil companies to clean up their act.

"We have plenty of regulations but if you don't have the compliance or enforcement, what good is a rule?" she questioned.

"(The point of me speaking here is that) we want to alert you of our problems so that the same thing doesn't happen to you," Blancett said. "You're ahead of the club because we have had CBM on our property since 1982. You can take a lot of what we have learned and protect yourselves."

Jessica Ernst

Jessica Ernst who lives in the hamlet of Rosebud, near Drumheller was also one of the keynote speakers.

Ernst owns a 50-acre parcel of land, just outside of Rosebud and says since an oil company has been drilling CBM wells around her property for the past two years her water quality has gone from being drinkable to being flammable.

Since the drilling of CBM wells in her area has commenced Ernst says that she has numerous rashes from the chemicals by showering and using the water to wash her clothes in.

"It's really hard to believe that you are being poisoned by your own water," she said.

Ernst explained that typically fracturing of CBM wells was only allowed when it's below the base of the groundwater protection area. She accused the company drilling in her area of shallow drilling and fracturing

which is causing her water to become contaminated.

She added that the fracturing is causing water levels to drop. The water is dropping because it used to travel along a certain path underground, but due to the fracturing of the ground, there are holes and cracks forming forcing the water to seep down, causing people to lose pressure in their wells.

"I believe we are up against a huge war for water. Water is needed for life," she said.

"The water is just one impact of CBM (well production)," she added.

Another problem which Ernst says she has is the noise that they have to deal with day in and day out, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Just a few miles from her home is a large compressor station for the CBM wells in the area, and she says the noise is unbearable which has kept her up many nights. She says she has also tried to have noise studies done by the oil companies, but those failed.

Ernst encouraged everyone to write letters to their MLAs, the Ministers in the Government, the EUB, and anyone else that they could think of.

"Anyone can make a difference," she said. "Write letters and tell them what you want. We are their bosses, they are not ours. Protect your water and don't let the regulators tell you what to do."

Ernst also says that people she knows have signed "silence agreements." These are typically signed when an oil company or any company for that matter is found in the wrong, they pay an individual a certain amount of money and they agree to never talk about it to anyone.

"What is your freedom of speech worth to you? You can never speak about it again? not even if your kids get cancer."

Nikiforuk ended the evening with closing remarks, explaining that a large portion of our natural gas is piped down to the United States and says that Albertans need to stand up for their natural resources and keep them here in Alberta, and work on the government to implement stricter regulations.

"Do we want to sacrifice our water, our peace and quiet, our rural life so we can provide natural gas to someone in Los Angeles so they can run their air conditioners?" Nikiforuk said.

This meeting was hosted by the Pine Lake Surface Rights Action Group, which has close to 300 members, from all over Alberta.

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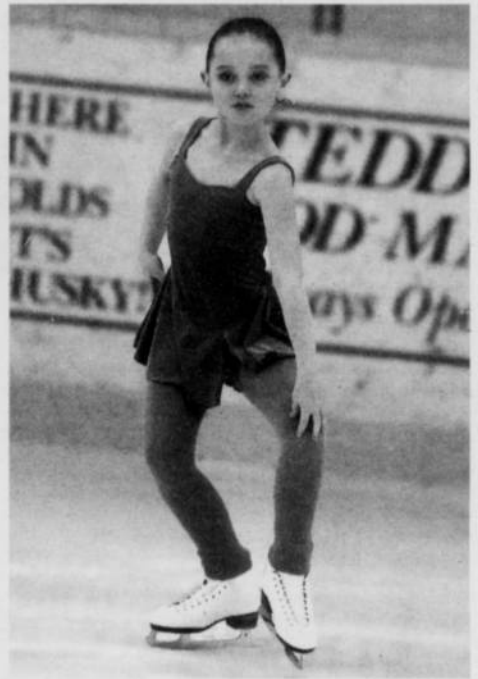
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE CHALLENGE DAY

Didsbury High School students open their hearts at workshop

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

Walls that divided the student body were taken down, tears were shed, enemies became friends, and emotions were left in the open last week at Didsbury High School (DHS) during Challenge Day.

Challenge Day is a one day workshop where students, teachers, parents, administrators, counsellors and other community members meet to experience how love and connection are possible in schools and in everyday life.

Innovative games, activities, group discussions, ice-breakers and trust-building exercises were designed to help participants learn how to "break down the walls of separation and create new levels of respect and communication with their peers, parents and themselves."

Challenge Day organizers propose that "separation, isolation and loneliness are the root cause of a wide range of teen issues such as teasing, bullying, stereotyping, racism, violence, suicide, and the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco."

Through the promotion of self-acceptance and respect for others, Challenge Day ignites participants' passions and inspires them to become positive forces in their schools and communities.

One of the things participants learned is to make change in your life, you must follow three steps: notice, choose and act.

Notice what you want to change, choose to make the effort to change it, and then follow through with the appropriate actions.

One-third of the school participated in this Challenge Day, which is the second one DHS has held.

Presently two-thirds of the student population have gone through the Challenge, and by next fall (next Challenge Day held at DHS) the whole school should have participated.

"There is not many opportunities in high school to open up to people you barely know," said Jamie Toker, participating Grade 12 student. "I feel a connection with other people that I never felt before."

Grade 12 student Mike Poffenroth agrees with Toker, saying he is much more open with the people around him.

"You build a system of trust with some people," said Poffenroth. "I opened up to people I never thought I would open up to. You put yourself out there, and make yourself very vulnerable."

Some students had the opportunity to go through the Challenge twice - the first time the focus was them and the second time they were asked to come back and help make the experience easier for others.

"The first time it was all about me, but the second time I was there for other people," said Jeff Kerr, Grade 11 student. "It was really hard to see the pain that some people carry. It was an emotional roller coaster."

Going into the day, students were speculating about what to expect, but that quickly changed.

"I thought it would be something cheesy, but it was incredible," said Jonathon Lefebvre, a Grade 11 student. "You just really get everything out there. Things have been a lot easier at school since Challenge Day."

Students say the school feels like a much better place to be, but they know it will change even more once the entire school has had the experience.

"It has not changed the whole school yet, because there are so many who have not been through it," said Carlie Patten, a Grade 10 student. "I know I am not alone though, there is this huge support system out there. It is OK to talk about things and show your emotions to others."

Danni Connell, who is in Grade 11, says she is more willing to open up to others.

"I know they are going through the same stuff I am," said Connell. "I feel much more comfortable talking about things, and opening up."

Poffenroth said that now school feels more like a family.

Lefebvre agreed, saying you don't have to go home and



COMING TOGETHER - Carlie Patten, Danni Connell, Jamie Toker, Jonathon Lefebvre, Mike Poffenroth and Jeff Kerr are among the Didsbury High School students who participated in Challenge Day last Tuesday. The students all say the workshop changed their school and their lives.

TAMARA COLLINS/Didsbury Review

cry about things, but you can let it out at school and then be fine.

Connell said she didn't know the school needed Challenge Day because she thought it was a good school, but now she knows there were problems.

"It is comforting knowing there are hundreds going through the same stuff," said Lefebvre.

Toker says he does not judge people the way he used to before Challenge Day.

"Everyone is more friendly," said Toker. "Before I would see people I didn't really know and I would think things about them. Now I don't judge people as much, instead I try to get to know who they really are."

Even just walking down the halls is a different experience for these students.

"I walk down the halls and have 25 or 30 people smiling at me and I stop and talk like 10 times," said Lefebvre. "It was never like that before."

Toker says he was used to getting no smiles from others.

Not only has this experience changed their lives at school but the students say their lives at home have been greatly affected also.

"If I can open up at school, I can do so 100 times more at home," said Lefebvre.

Toker says Challenge Day has really helped his relationship with his dad.

"I would never listen to him before. Now I realize he is just trying to look out for me," said Toker. "It made me think of things from his point of view, and now we talk a lot more."

No one had a negative thing to say about Challenge Day. Everyone said they saw very significant changes in themselves - changes they will keep with them throughout

their lives.

"Everything is more comfortable here and better," said Toker. "I sing. And when I would sing in the halls I used to think people would judge me. Now I don't care. I am a lot more confident. When I figure out what I want to do, it will be easier to get to."

Patten says it is something everyone needs to go through.

"When you feel better about yourself you treat people better," said Patten. "Our school is like one big happy family."

Poffenroth says the experience was life impacting, and even as the experience goes further into the past, there are ways of making the changes last.

"It will always be a positive memory," said Poffenroth. "I notice change in other people because of that day and that is very encouraging. You just have to keep it with you."

Lefebvre says it was so much more than just a positive day.

"For some people it was the only positive day in their life," said Lefebvre.

"We now have a family at school, and people to connect with. This has opened so many doors."

Connell feels she does not have to cover up who she is anymore.

"Before I felt like I could not be what I really was," said Connell. "The leaders made me see what I am so precious, and now I see that in others."

Kerr said the leaders (Justin and Jolana) were amazing, hearing what they have been through in their lives, and now they are helping others.

"This really changes your character," said Kerr. "This experience will go with us our whole lives."



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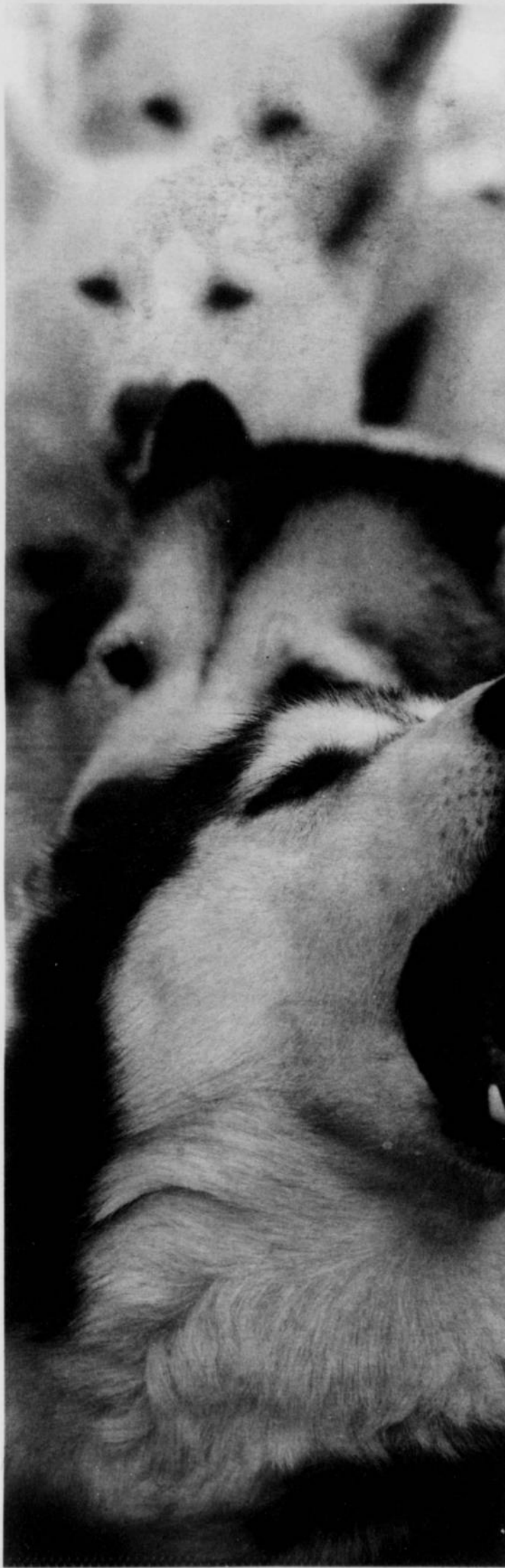
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From above, clockwise:

ICY EYES - Two four-month-old huskies get a little curious with the lens of a camera. Visitors were encouraged to pet the friendly dogs.

WYNDER-UP - Canmore musher John Wynder and his six-dog team sprint out of the starting gate in the six-dog open at the first annual Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic. Sixty-six teams, with 47 mushers from all over Western Canada and Montana and Pennsylvania, attended what is being billed as Didsbury's event of the year.

WINNERS' CIRCLE - Didsbury Mayor Dorothy Moore presents Rachel Wannamaker with her first-place trophy for winning the four-dog purebred race.

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WHOOO HOOO - Happy howling filled the air all over town during the races.

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Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic





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FUR FASHIONS — They were in "fur" the long haul. Fur is a staple fashion for any smart musher. From left to right: Rich Bittner of Canmore; Valeda (Granny) Wannamaker snuggles Chelsea; Cam Cook has many stories revolving around his tequila teddy hat.



AROUND TOWN

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

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Sat. March 25

Eastern Star Scholarship Card party. 7 p.m. at the Masonic Hall. Call Birgit for tickets at 335-3680.

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Mon. April 3

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Multi Club update

SUBMITTED BY RYAN HUNTER
Prairie Partners 4-H

Another month has come and gone in the 4-H year and Prairie Partners has been busy once again. We had our meeting on the ninth of February and discussed important upcoming and recent events such as how the club fared at District Multi Judging. We had public speaking at the Lone Pine Hall. Junior member Travis Hunter advanced to District Public Speaking at the Olds College, Ryan Hunter and Cassandra Rasmussen were alternatives. Thank you to the time keepers and

judges for both events! Members from our club attended the Regional Curling Funspiel in Airdrie and had lots of fun perfecting our curling skills. We had our project tour on the 25th, we viewed each other's steer, female beef and sheep projects and then made halters at the Hannahs' farm. The day concluded at Lone Pine Hall for a hot dog lunch. Rolling into March we had members again attend a day of curling at the 4-H curling Funspiel in Didsbury. We are looking forward to our upcoming club activities such as our Mock show, District Heifer Show and the District Steer Show. Signing off until next time!

PONDERINGS OF THE HEART

Stop - look and listen

MARGARET FRADLEY

As you look back over your day, what did you experience, what did you see, hear and especially notice? One morning I decided to try to be more sensitive to the "good things" that happened to me that day.

I first encountered a young man out sweeping the sidewalk in front of the place of business where he worked. I was taken with the fact that he was sweeping with the same dedication that I later noticed when he was working at the till in the store. This was a real encouragement to me.

There was also a friendly clerk who although I knew they were extremely busy, took the time to make eye contact and ask if I needed

assistance; there were the bank tellers that can always seem to identify one by our names, and be pleasant even if our transaction is complicated.

Did we think to share with others that word of encouragement, that pat on the back, or friendly smile; did our passing that way make any difference? Did we remember to show our appreciation when someone did that little 'extra' for us?

Each day we meet a lot of people, how do we respond to them, how do we react to them? It seems to me there are endless possibilities and challenges that may seem like small ways, to reach out, and "make that difference" - Let us look into each new day with expectancy.



BALANCING ACT - Daniel Corneau, of Calgary, rides his unicycle through the Alberta bike trials season opener BMX intermediate obstacle course, this past Sunday. *Carla Victor/For Didsbury Review*



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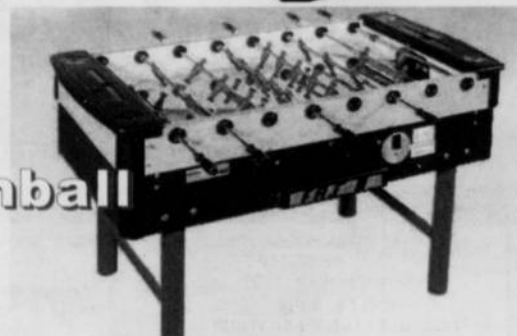
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Health experts predicting pandemic influenza will strike sometime over the next decade

School division preparing for worst-case scenario

BY SHAWNE MOHL
For the Review

With over 11,000 students and 1,500 employees Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) is being proactive in getting ready for a world-wide outbreak of a deadly flu, which is expected to sweep over the world sometime in the next decade.

CESD has been working closely with both David Thompson Health Region (DTHR) and the Calgary Health Region (CHR) to try to come up with some type of emergency plan should a pandemic influenza ever strike.

The word, 'pandemic,' is used to describe diseases that cause worldwide outbreaks of illness involving a

large proportion of the population. Pandemic influenza refers to the emergence of a new strain of influenza A virus that causes a large number of cases of illness and death in people around the globe.

Medical experts predict that an influenza pandemic could occur at any time. Historic evidence suggests that pandemics occur three

to four times a century. In the last century, there were three influenza pandemics:

The Spanish Flu, in 1918-19; the Asian Flu, in 1957-58; and the Hong Kong Flu in 1968-69.

In each of these pandemics, the greatest increase in death rates occurred among people less than 60 years of age.

Pieter Langstraat,

Assistant Superintendent with CESD, says that having such a large school division, which includes many small rural schools there were a lot of questions that the Board and administration were asking should we ever experience an outbreak in the years to come.

"Rather than trying to react, we are trying to be proactive," he said. "What

are going to be the big issues and how can we best address them?"

Should a pandemic influenza ever strike, according to health professionals there is not going to be an immediate supply of a vaccine - meaning that in a pandemic the virus will travel quickly, and will be widespread.

Most people become ill with mild forms of influenza at some point in their lives. Because of this, they develop some immunity to the disease. New strains of influenza virus emerge regularly. Most of these are slight variations of a previous strain, and a person's existing immunity provides some protection against severe illness. New flu vaccine is developed every year to provide more complete protection against these new strains. For this reason, flu vaccine is given annually, beginning in early fall.

In a pandemic, there is a significant change in the flu virus, so existing immunity provides little protection. Existing vaccines will also be of limited value, and a new vaccine may take longer than usual to develop. As a result, a pandemic influenza will spread quickly, cause widespread outbreaks of disease, and will likely lead to significant numbers of hospitalizations and deaths.

Typically, outbreaks will occur in waves, with a second outbreak three to nine months following the first.

According to Alberta Health in a pandemic year, compared to a typical year, the Government of Alberta expects: Four to seven times as many visits to physicians and emergency rooms due to influenza; four to seven times as many hospitalizations due to influenza; and eight to 20 times as many deaths due to influenza.

It is projected that up to 2.5 million Albertans could be infected, with up to 1.3 million becoming ill.

The effects of a pandemic would be different than a natural disaster, because a large number of people in workplaces will be sick with the flu.

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Shindo grading in Didsbury

On March 5, 2006, twenty members of the Shintani Wado Kai Karate Federation were graded in the Novice level of Shindo right here in Didsbury. It was the first grading of sorts in Alberta within the organization. The art of shindo was developed by Sensei Shintani and involves the use of the only weapon the Shintani Federation trains. The Shindo is a stick, three feet long and about 1-1/4" in diameter. The organization has an established training and grading process to ensure a strong basis for all students before reaching the Dan-level. Practice applications of the Shindo involves self-defence against multiple attackers.

The Grading was conducted by Denis Labbe (8th Dan), Ron Mattie (7th Dan), & Jim Atkinson (5th Dan). Seven members of the Didsbury Iwa Yama Karate Club completed their grading along with students from Calgary and as far away as Whitecourt. Didsbury members were Hal Perison, Shiela Wardentin, Neil Walker and Clem van Besouw, Linda Greening, Dylan Greening, Dee Greening & Sensei Walter Greening.

Anyone 16 yrs or older can train in Shindo, no Martial Arts background is necessary. It is a good source of exercise, a practical form of self-defence, and an opportunity to have fun & meet new people.

For more information you can contact Sensei Walter Greening at 637-9196.



SHINDO- The twenty members of the Shintani Wado Kai Karate Federation who were graded in the Novice level of Shindo in Didsbury this month.

Submitted

Big moves, big results for Didsbury figure skaters

Members of the Didsbury Skating Club have been busy this season training to participate in various competitions across the province. Competition locations and results include Calgary, Claresholm, Caroline, and Three Hills. The results are as follows:

Calgary Region Open Competition (November) - Carly Dunn

Pre-Preliminary Elements - 4th, Pre-Prelim Free Skate 6th, Pre-Prelim Spins 3rd

Claresholm South Region Open Competition (December) - Carly Dunn - Pre-Preliminary Elements 4th, Pre-Prelim Free Skate 4th, Preliminary Creative - 1st, Preliminary Skills 3rd

Caroline Central Region Closed Competition & Star Skate Run Offs - Carly Dunn Pre-Preliminary Free Skate 4th, Pre-Preliminary Elements - 2nd, Preliminary Dance - 5th, Preliminary Creative 3rd.

Phoenix Chaytor Spin Spiral Jump A 1st, Preliminary Creative 4th. Sarah Baker - Jr. Silver Free Skate - 3rd, Jr. Silver Elements - 6th. Allison McCoy - Sr. Silver Biathlon - Bye to Provincials.

Three Hills Fun Meet - Ayden Christensen - Level 4A Elements 1st, Level 4 Program 1st. Elizabeth Thompson - Level 5A Elements 1st, Level 5 Program 1st. Taylor Funk - Level 5 Elements 2nd, Level 5 Program 2nd, Level 5 Creative 1st. Phoenix Chaytor - Spin Spiral Jump 3rd, Group A Elements 3rd, Group A Creative 2nd. Sydney Sorensen - Spin Spiral Jump 3rd, Group A Elements 5th.

Plans to attend Olds, Lethbridge, and Calgary once again are in the works as well.

Great going skaters!! You have worked really hard and should be very proud of your achievements.

The annual Didsbury Skating Club Winter Carnival was also a huge success. It was an opportunity for all the skaters - from those who are just learning to skate to those who are competing - to perform their skills in front of family and

friends. Big thanks to the Didsbury Skating Club Board and the wonderful coaching staff for their hard work, commitment to and training of our Didsbury skaters.



photo submitted

(left to right) is Carly Dunn, Taylor Funk, and Sydney Sorensen. Front row from left to right is Ayden Christensen, Phoenix Chaytor, and Elizabeth Thompson

Didsbury Jr. Curling playdowns

The Didsbury jr. curling club participated at the District Bantam playdowns hosted by the Carstairs curling club, March 3-5.

There were 14 teams competing from Red Deer, Carstairs, Didsbury, Crossfield and Springbank.

Didsbury's two teams played exceptionally well with one team advancing to the C qualifier. Colt Phillips, Joel Newsome, Amy Russell and Micheala Craig missed out going to the Bantam finals by one point!

Both teams did great and we're proud of them!



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LOUD AND CLEAR - Doug Manti of TransCanada Pipeline, presents Craig Anderson and Margaret Johnston, both of the Didsbury Ag Society, with a cheque for \$1,500 to go towards the PA system for the riding arena at the rodeo grounds. The money came from a grant through a TransCanada Pipeline and Alberta Sport and Rec. partnership.



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Didsbury chooses health

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

The challenge from the province to promote healthier lifestyles as a first defence against rising chronic illness rates in local communities has been accepted by Didsbury.

The Community Choosewell Challenge is still in its infancy stages planning wise.

But according to Byron Sayer, town parks and arena manager, a community-wide

fitness challenge and corporate challenge such as challenging another group to a baseball game or shiny game, or giving up caffeine or junk food for an extended period of time, are planned.

Expansion of other programs and projects including the construction of Centennial Trail, are also planned.

"It is very important that Didsbury take this challenge on to help create awareness and do everything we can to

motivate our residents including out youth to improve their lifestyles," said Sayer. "The trends in childhood obesity and attempting to prevent chronic illness provide a lot of incentive for us as a community to address these concerns and have fun while we are doing it."

The Challenge is a partnership between Alberta Health and Wellness and ARPA as a part of the province's Healthy U campaign.

The campaign is a public education program promoting healthier lifestyles as the first defence against rising chronic illness rates, and is open to all Alberta communities.

The goal of the challenge is to recognize communities for their efforts to promote better physical activity habits and eating habits changes, said Sayer. "The different criteria that are judged and recognized are split into three categories: innovative programming, promotion and participation, and community partnerships," she said.

Didsbury will be competing with other communities with a population of 1,000-4,999 from Mar. 1 to Aug. 31, 2006.

The community which

promotes healthy lifestyles the most will receive a token plaque. But the biggest draw is the recognition and exposure they will receive.

"Local business support is crucial to the success of the challenge whether by means of challenging each other or possibly providing prizes for competitions or things of that nature," said Sayer.

The town is looking for people who share this vision and passion to lead a healthier life to become involved.

Whether you just have a good idea for programming or related issues or might be interested in getting involved on a regular basis in different events, they want to hear from you.

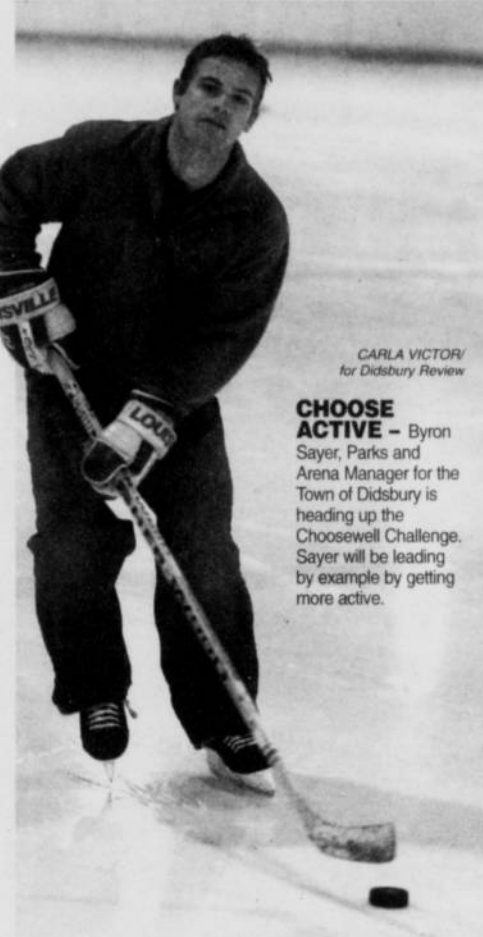
Anyone interested in getting involved can call Byron Sayer at 335-7364.

The town is considering using a format that would reward the amount of time spent doing physical activity through various venues in the town as well as including local sporting groups such as baseball or soccer teams if they have participants who wish to take part.

The town will be experimenting with several different programs.

This year the emphasis will be on summer programming to attempt to give both youth and adults around Didsbury even more opportunity to stay active.

"Those that come to mind



CARLA VICTOR/
for Didsbury Review

CHOOSE ACTIVE - Byron Sayer, Parks and Arena Manager for the Town of Didsbury is heading up the Choosewell Challenge. Sayer will be leading by example by getting more active.

is the Summer basketball league, drop in ball hockey, and a ball hockey tournament April 21 and 22," said Sayer. "These are a starting block, the more ideas

thrown our way the better. We would love to see full utilization of all our resources and facilities in any way that promotes an active lifestyle."

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

Women fulfilling their emotional needs



DR. DOBSON
Focus on the family

Question:

You have suggested that women should seek to meet their emotional needs outside of marriage. What do you mean?

Dr. Dobson:

This principle is particularly important with regard to an emotionally vulnerable woman who is married to a stoic, unromantic man. If she looks to him as the provider of all adult conversation and the satisfier of every emotional need, their marriage can quickly run aground. He has no clue about how to deal with her "soul hunger" or how to make her happy. When she begins to realize that he will never be what she wants of him, discontent begins to brew in the relationship.

What can be done then? A woman with a normal range of emotional needs cannot simply ignore them. Something deep within her cries out for fulfillment. One answer is for women in this situation to supplement what their husbands can give by cultivating meaningful female relationships. Having friends with whom they can talk heart-to-heart, laugh, cry, and raise their children can be vital to their mental health.

That is precisely how women dealt with social needs in centuries past. Men worked 60 or 70 hours per week and had little time or energy for what might be called romantic activities. But a well-integrated society of women filled the void. They worked together, had babies together, cooked and canned together, and went to church together. And somehow, it was enough.

Why does feminine society not exist in the same way today? Because many women are employed (the neighborhoods are empty) and because the world has become so mobile. The extended family has disintegrated and the culture has moved on. Thus, female companionship is often difficult to find, and many younger women, especially those with two or more preschoolers, abandon the search for friendship. It is simply too much trouble.

To the young wives who are reading these words, I urge you to invest some time in your female friends - even though you are all busy. Resist the temptation to pull into the walls of your home and wish for someone to talk to. Stay involved as a family in a church or a club that meets your social needs. Remember that you are surrounded by many other women with similar feelings. Find them. Care for them. Give to them. And in the process, your own self-esteem will rise.

Then when you are content, your marriage will also flourish. It sounds simplistic, but that's the way we are made. We are designed as social creatures who don't do well in isolation. Don't let that happen to you.

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Branton Olfert (B-man)

Forward #11
 1st year Bantam
 Attended Provincials before in Fairview when I played Atom
Started playing in Tyke
Favourite memory was when we went to provincials in Fairview
Thoughts about provincials: Should be interesting, there will be some good teams there.
Favourite Song: Don't stop believing



Coach: Brent Youngs

Coached for 9 years
 Attended Provincials as a player in Pee Wee "B" and Midget "AA" and as a coach in Atom "C"
Thoughts about provincials: It will be a great experience for all players, especially for our local players to compete in front of the local fans.
Favourite Song: Anything my team doesn't listen to!!!



Will Hadway (King Willy)

Forward #6
 1st year Bantam
Have you ever attended provincials before: Yes, in Atom we went Fairview
Started playing hockey when I was in Tyke
Favourite Hockey Memory: In Tyke I scored from the Blue Line
Thought's about provincials: It will be cool!
Favourite Quote: Mommy, I lost my teddy bear will you sleep with me?



Asst Coach: Brent Hutcheon

Has coached for 10 years
 Have never attended provincials before
Favourite Hockey Memory: To many to list
Thought's about provincials: Hopefully the team will put their best effort forward and make Didsbury proud.



Asst Coach: Matt Collinge

This is my first year coaching
 I have attended provincials as a player in Atom and Midget.
Favourite Hockey Memory: Winning Silver in Provincials in Atom
Thoughts about provincials: It is going to be tough!
Favorite Quote: This ain't a popcorn fight....Bear Down!



Managers: Tom and Josie Hadway

Have coached previously in Minor Hockey. I have attended provincials before but as a parent. My son played in Fairview in Atom C
Favourite Hockey Memory: Looking back at the pre-hockey years and seeing some of the same boys still playing hockey. And when the Flames won the Stanley Cup!
Thoughts about provincials: Very exciting for the town and players.
Favorite Quote: Git-R-Done!!!!!!

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SUMMER WORKERS- Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 invites applications for four (4) individuals for its Facility Services Outdoor Summer Work Program, effective approximately May 1 - August 25, 2006. The successful candidates will work on various outdoor activities such as mowing/trimming lawns and labourer. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, and either attending or entering a post-secondary institution in the fall of 2006. Pay rate will be \$11.00 per hour. Resume, complete with the names and telephone numbers of three references, should be forwarded to: Bill Tolley, Custodial Coordinator, Facility Services, Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73, 4402-42 Avenue, Innisfail, AB, T4G 1P6. Telephone: (403) 227-0145 Fax: (403) 227-0143. For information on Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73, please check our website (www.chinooksedge.ab.ca). Applications will be accepted until 12:00 noon, Thursday, March 30, 2006. The successful applicants will be required to provide a criminal record check and a Driver's Abstract. While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those individuals selected for interviews will be contacted. Resumes of individuals not granted an interview will not be kept on file. 11-11

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GARAGE SALES
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145 HORSES & TACK

SALE - 2 WEEKS left on approved riding helmets, prices from \$41.95, the TACK CORRAL (403) 556-1905 11-11

155 NOTICES

NOTICE TO Creditors and Claimants - Estate of **Harold Orin Winger** who died on February 21, 2006. If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by April 30, 2006 and provide details of your claim with Vernon E. Good, Barrister & Solicitor, Solicitor for the Personal Representatives at Suite 105, Lower Level Victoria Square Mall, 2034-19th Avenue, Box 1027, Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0. If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you have. 12-21

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230 THANK YOU

THANK YOU to everyone who attended my surprise 40th Birthday Party. Hope you had as much fun as I did. Thank you for all the cards, gifts and to all who helped with the preparations. You are all awesome friends and family. Thanks again. Dan Rothenbusch 11-11

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Special Families Resource Association

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings now held on the 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

Chamber of Commerce

Meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

Didsbury TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

Didsbury Environment Board

Meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391.

Beaver's

Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

Didsbury Museum

Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Joan Court at 335-8392 or Larry Hunsperger at 335-3284.

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Time Out

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Knox United Church, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. We have started up again for the fall. Call 335-4270.

King Hiram Lodge #21

Has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S.

Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 335-4281.

Didsbury Senior Support Services

Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

Sons Of Norway

Meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

Learning Disabilities

Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

Didsbury Preschool

Is now accepting registrations for 2005-2006 school year. This non-profit organization offers educational and social programming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039.

Gamblers Anonymous

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Mountain View La Leche League

A group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday mornings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 556-3807 for information.

Didsbury Mental Health Clinic

Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. to Fri. 8:30-4:00.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

Didsbury Five-0 Singers

50 years of age or over? You are invited to join Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m. at the Didsbury 5-0 Club 2500-15 Ave.

Ag Info Centre

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Didsbury Elks Lodge

Supper Meeting - 2nd Thursdays, Regular Meeting - 4th Thursday Call 335-4676 for info.

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5-0 Club Hall Rentals

For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Bea Niedersteiner 335-3058.

Hall Rental

To Rent Mountain View Community Hall for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 335-8860.

Blitz For Blankets

We are collecting gently used blankets for the homeless? Mustan Seed. You can drop them off at Didsbury Market Place.

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Meetings every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Sundre. Call Sue at 335-9477 for more information.

Mountain View Sheep Producers

Meetings on the first Monday of each month from October to June at 7:30 p.m. in Olds. Call Sue at 335-9477 for more information.

Adoption Support Group

Of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

W.H.O.A.S

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